

REMARKS**I. Status of the Claims:**

Claims 1-15 are currently pending in the application.

By this amendment, claim 21 has been added. No new matter is believed to have been added by this amendment. Upon entry of this amendment, claims 1-15 and 21 would be pending.

II. Response to Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §102 and §103:

Claims 1-2, 4-7, 9-12, 14 and 15 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,970,475 to Barnes et al. (hereafter “Barnes”). Claims 3, 8 and 13 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Barnes in view of the Business Wire Article, “Buyerzone.com Provides Purchasing Capabilities for inc.com.” (hereafter “Business Wire”). Applicants respectfully traverse the above rejections for the following reasons.

Claim 1 is directed to an arrangement in which a price information providing system comprises: (1) second designating means for designating parts and/or products; (2) second display control means for displaying prices of the parts and/or products at the plurality of bases designated by said second designating means together with information of the plurality of bases and supplier at the plurality of bases on the display means; and (3) a price database storing prices of parts and/or products for a plurality of bases, each of the prices of parts and/or products corresponding to a price at which said each of the parts and/or products is purchased from each supplier supplying the part and/or products at one of the plurality of bases to which said each supplier belongs.

The claimed arrangement displays prices of designated parts and/or products at the plurality of bases together with information of the plurality of bases and supplier at the plurality of bases on the display means. Further, each of the prices of parts and/or products correspond to a price at which each of the parts and/or products is purchased from each supplier supplying the part and/or products at one of the plurality of bases to which the each supplier belongs. For the Examiner's reference, examples of this display arrangement are shown and described in the application with reference to Figs. 6 (e.g., step SAB4) and 13.

The Office Action of November 7, 2005 relies on Barnes, particularly at col. 4, lines 5-16 as allegedly teaching the above noted display features. The recent Advisory Action further alleges that the display means, as claimed, is further taught by the teachings of Barnes on col. 8, lines 36-38; col. 10, lines 48-50; col. 19, lines 56-58; col. 23, lines 57-59 as well as in Figs. 18 and 19; col. 23, lines 23-27 and col. 23, lines 14-22.

These cited portions of Barnes, however, simply refer to display of supplier's catalog information and in a separate aspect in Figs. 18 and 19 a system and process to define and control the purchasing authority (e.g., spending limits, unique delivery location, privileges for the system, etc.) of particular employee(s) or groups of employees.

Barnes at these newly cited portions and in general is still silent as to (1) displaying prices of designated parts and/or products together with information of the plurality of bases and supplier at the plurality of bases and (2) each of the prices corresponding to a price at which each of the parts and/or products is purchased from a supplier at a base.

The remaining Business Wire reference is not relied upon in the Office Action to teach the above-noted claimed features.

Accordingly, the cited references do not teach each and every limitation of claim

1. Thus, claim 1 and its dependent claims are not anticipated by the cited references and are also believed to be distinguishable over the same. For similar reasons, claims 6 and 11 and their dependent claims are also not anticipated by the cited references, and are believed to be distinguishable over the same.

CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims and allowance of this application.

AUTHORIZATION

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for consideration of this Amendment to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 1232-4684.

In the event that an extension of time is required, or which may be required in addition to that requested in a petition for an extension of time, the Commissioner is requested to grant a petition for that extension of time which is required to make this response timely and is hereby authorized to charge any fee for such an extension of time or credit any overpayment for an extension of time to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 1232-4684.

Respectfully submitted,
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